

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
REGULAR WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012  
6:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Council President Porter called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant (Late), Councilmember Darrell Hardy, Councilmember Johnie L. Higgs, Sr. (Late), Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson (Late), Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (Late)

Staff: Vincent Jones, City Administrator, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Darlinda Sanders, Administrative Assistant

**1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Raynor

**1.1.4. Approval of Agenda**

It was motioned by Councilmember Porter to add the following items to the agenda: New Business 5.5.Contract Position, 5.6 Council Recess and Announcement, 7.5. Prince George's Hospital Center Foundation Dancing with the Strata Awards. It was motioned Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Simms to approve the agenda with the modifications. The motion carried.

**2. PRESENTATIONS:**

2.1. None

**3. LEGISLATION**

3.1. None

**4. REPORTS**

4.1. Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Grant thanked the Council for the vote of approval for the development of the Feggans Center. He stated we have a lot of work to do.
- He stated that they have not made a decision on the design or square footage of the building. He stated that we only selected a development partner.
- He stated that the Seat Pleasant Health Summit was held on May 7, 2012
- He stated that the Council does not realize the impact of their leadership. He stated that they are the lead on the relationship of the UMD-Health Partnership since 1999. This year the Health Summit had 50 seniors from Seat Pleasant, 30 students each from Fairmount Heights and Central High School
- He stated the Mayoral Senior Tea luncheon was held on May 14, 2012. The weight of the Nations Screening was held on May 16, 2012 and they are scheduled to be in the City on June 18, 2012.
- He stated that he attended the Strategy for Economic Strategies offered through NLC. It was his first NLC conference.
- He requested the Council to go to the Greater Oklahoma and Pittsburg websites on the Quick Response System, which is a GIS system and he has been talking to Mr. Jones about sight selectors. It provides a list of matches based on the place that people are looking to locate the business. The information should be on our website. He stated we need to talk about upgrading our website.
- He stated that they are now hiring Economic Development Coaches and we need to look into some more ideas. He stated that Mr. Jones knows of a company called Street Sense and the City of Hyattsville used them to fill up the space in Hyattsville. He stated that companies do not want to talk to the Economic Development Department. The Quick Response System allows you to input the type of business and rental space available in your area.
- He stated that he met with Governor O'Malley and the Lt. Governor regarding the Private, Public Partnership. He stated that the Governor's office is in support of the City's project. They were waiting on the Council vote tonight. They are interested in the green side of the development.
- He stated he attended the roadside dedication to Trooper Brown on May 23, 2012. They have installed signs on 495 as a dedication to Trooper Brown.
- He met with Sheriff High office on May 29, 2012 to discuss the domestic violence issues. He stated that we need to put information in the Newsletter and on the website. They will be providing information to the Council to disseminate at your Ward meetings. He stated that they are working on a memorandum of understanding and he would like for Seat Pleasant to be a part of the memorandum of understanding. He stated that we do have domestic violence issue in Seat Pleasant.

- He stated that the Interim Chief will be starting tomorrow, Tuesday, June 5, 2012
- He stated that he attended the Preventive Research Center meeting. He is on their Board of Directors. The School of Public Health received their certification based on their relationship with the City.
- He stated that Prince George's Hospital will be having a Strata Awards on June 22, 2012. The awards are being given to us for effort in the field of Health.
- He stated that there will be a gospel concert held the First Baptist Church of Glenarden. We are partnering with Faith Temple No 2 to provide tickets and Reverend Flowers Church. You can get six tickets. Please let Mrs. Lanham know how many tickets you will need by June 30, 2012.

#### **4.2. City Administrator Report:**

- Mr. Jones stated that he had a report from Pepco regarding the work outside of City Hall. He stated that they will be there for another 3-4 weeks.
- He stated that the weather update from this week-end did not cause too much damage.
- He stated the Council approved the Life Insurance policy. He stated that he would like to have a special policy for employees over the age of 70. Councilman Porter stated that he would like for Mrs. Sanders to look into Life Insurance for the residents from reputable company to be in the Newsletter to eliminate the misinformation and junk mail.

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#### **Council Committee Reports:**

- Council President Porter requested the Committee Chairs to prepare a summation of the meetings for the year for next month.

#### **• 5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **5.1. Discussion of Park Use and Permit Policy**

- Mrs. Sanders advised the City Council of the revision to the rental of Goodwin Park regarding the time frame and cleaning of the park. They have included a deposit request for the park rental.
- Councilwoman Simms wanted to know if we are staying within the Ordinance that states No Live Bands or Go-Go Bands. The City Council stated that the application should say that the deposit is non-refundable.
- Mayor Grant wanted to know how we would resolve an incident of a breach of contract. Ms. Sanders stated that they would add the breach of contract.

- Mayor Grant wanted to know if we are protected when someone rents the park and other individuals that are not associated with the rented party are in the park. Do we have any protection for the City? Mrs. Sanders stated that we are defining the rental space on the application.
- Councilman Porter stated that we can define the space with a rental price and the delineation of the area.
- Councilman Raynor wanted to know if there could be more than one activity in the park by reserving the different areas in the park.
- Councilwoman Stephenson wanted to know how many people can be in the park for an event. Ms. Sanders stated that she will investigate the number of people that can occupy the park at one time. Mayor Grant wanted to know how we allocate the parking spaces for the park rental. Councilwoman Stephenson wanted to know if we have a stipulation on parking spaces for the residents when having events at their home and/or in the park.
- Mr. Jones stated that it was a good recommendation that the Council had bought up. He stated that they will be bringing the information back next month regarding the special events.
- Councilwoman Simms wanted to know if they will have a permit in their hand regarding the rental of the park.
- Councilman Yeargin wanted to know about the pictures for the display board. Ms. Sanders stated that she would like to get pictures from the Council of things that they are doing to meet the challenge in their wards for the board for Ocean City.

## **5.2. LGIT Board of Trustees Election**

- Mr. Jones stated that he wanted the approval to submit the election ballot for the Board of Trustees.
- Councilwoman Simms wanted to know if there were any new people. Mr. Jones stated that it would not be any new faces on the Board
- Mayor Grant wanted to know when there was a change from the City sending in the ballot. He stated that we normally send in our own ballot.

## **5.3. Feggans Center RFQ Recommendation**

- Mr. Jones stated that the RFQ was submitted for advertisement on April 7, 2012 with proposals due on May 8, 2012.
- He stated that the team rated them on six key criteria, which calculated their measure. He stated that Kratos total points was 137.99 and Community Housing Partners with 108.67

- He stated that we were looking for the project to be built with LEED experience builders.
- He stated that Kratos has experience in building with LEED and they have worked with the company that built the Bowie Town Center.
- Mr. Jones had stated that each of the companies provided a financial background. Mr. Ashton stated that Kratos financial scale and asset are better than the other company.
- Mr. Jones stated that the recommendation from the team was to approve Kratos to be the developer for the Feggans Center project.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Yeargin to approve the recommendation from the City Administrator to approve Kratos Infrastructure as the developer for the project. The motion carried. Unanimously approved
- FOR: Hardy, Higgs, Porter, Raynor, Simms, Stephenson and Yeargin
- AGAINST: None
- ABSTAIN: None

#### **5.4. City Hall Parking Lot Lights**

- Mr. Jones stated that the request was to install brighter lights on the parking lot in front of the Public Works building.
- Councilwoman Simms stated that we need a motion light on the rear of City Hall for when we leave the meetings.
- Mr. Jones stated that we can wait until July 1, 2012 to have the work completed from City Hall Maintenance.
- It was requested to have a revise proposal by June 11, 2012.

#### **5.5. Contract Position**

- Mr. Jones stated the funds are in the budget for a Grant Writer, Economic Development Coordinator and Special Assistant to the Mayor.
- He stated that they will start with a month-to-month contract with the current Grant Writer.
- The Economic Development Coordinator language provided by the City Attorney to state the contract will end if funds were not appropriated.
- Councilmember Higgs stated that we have a caveat to say can be terminated with or without cause.
- Councilwoman Stephenson wanted to know the tracking method. Mr. Jones stated that the City Treasurer, Robert Ashton will be keeping the contract and he would like the City Clerk, Dashaun Lanham to keep a copy as the official record keeper of the City.

- He stated notices will be given 60 days prior to the end of the contract to inform the contractor of the expiration of the contract.
- He would like the approval of the Council to prepare and sign contract to rollover as of July 1, 2012.
- The City Council had requested that each contract position be advertised. The current contractor should re-submit their resumes of interest for the position.
- It was requested for the City Administrator to provide the City Council an electronic format of the contracts by June 11, 2012.

#### **5.6. Council Recess**

- Council President Porter stated that we normally recess in the month of August.
- He would like to know if we are going to recess this year.
- It was requested of the City Clerk to have the Resolution prepared for next month Public Session.

### **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **6.1. Approval of Purchase of Police Vehicles**

- The City Council requested for the City Administrator to see if we can find a vendor to beat the state program pricing.
- The City Council requested that the City Administrator get a price comparison from other car dealerships.
- The City Council recommended for the vehicles to be Dodge Chargers.

#### **6.2. Approval of Purchase of Code Enforcement Vehicle**

- The City Council agreed to purchase the vehicle for the Code Enforcement Department. They have requested that the legislation be placed on the Public Session agenda for Monday, June 11, 2012.

#### **6.3. Declaring City Property Surplus for Seat Pleasant Activity Center**

- Mr. Jones stated that the partnership with M-NCCP and their staff to operate the Seat Pleasant Activity Center. They have begun renovations of the Activity Center last fall.
- They had discovered during the renovation the plan for Addison Road requires an 80 foot Right-of-Way in order to complete the process of the sidewalks, by adding landscaping and new streetlights along Addison Road at the Activity Center.

- The County Code requires a road dedication as part of the permitting and approval process for construction.
- Council President Porter wanted to know if the City had to give up land or could we provide a right-away.
- Mr. Jones stated that they were waiting on the Council approval of the Ordinance and he would check into the right away.
- The City Council agreed to the introduction and reading of the Ordinance.
- Ordinance O-12-16 was introduced by the City Council on Monday, June 4, 2012 and the first reading was concluded.

## 7. ANNOUNCEMENT

7.1. Public Session, Monday, June 11, 2012, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00pm

7.2. Ward I Meeting, Saturday, June 16, 2012, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers from 1:00pm-3:00pm

7.3. Ward II Crime Prevention Training, Wednesday, June 20, 2012, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers 6:00pm-8:00pm

7.4. MML Summer Convention, Sunday, June 24-27, 2012, Ocean City, MD

7.5. Prince George's Hospital Center for Foundation Dancing with Strata Awards, Friday, June 22, 2012, Sunset Room at the National Harbor from 6:00pm-11:00pm

**ADJOURN**-The meeting adjourned at 9:06pm

Submitted by,

  
Dashaun N. Lanham  
City Clerk